MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible:	yes	
	no	

Property Name: Braddock's Road	Inventory Number: G-I-A- 224
Address: North of U.S. 40 Alt., 600-3,200 ft. west and 2,800-4,800 ft. east of US 219.	Historic district: yesX no
City: Grantsville vicinity Zip Code: 21536	County: Garrett
USGS Quadrangle(s): Avilton	
Property Owner: Moran Coal; Watkins Family; Hershberger Family	Tax Account ID Number: 1203011534, 224
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 11, 18, 36 Tax Map Num	ber:
Project: U.S. 219 Improvements, Meyersdale (Pa.) to I-68 Agend	cy: FHWA, SHA
Agency Prepared By: Heberling Associates for SHA	
Preparer's Name: William Hunter	Date Prepared:6/15/2005
Documentation is presented in: W.M. Hunter 2003 [2005] Historic Structures S 219 Improvements Project. Prepared for the FH	
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X A B C X D Considerations: A	B _ C _ D _ E _ F _ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource	ce to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: Little Meadows Historic Site (partial	al)
Inventory Number: G-I-A-012 Eligible:yo	es Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staf yesX no Name:	Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)	
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These remnants may contribute to a larger multiple property resource encompassing the remaining remnants of Braddock's Road in western Maryland. The remnants are but a portion of the 12.5 miles of road remnant documented to exist within Garrett County (archaeological site 18GA314), a small portion of the 44% of the total route known to exist in western Maryland.

The western remnant runs from a point approximately 600 feet west of U.S. 219, 290 feet north of the National Pike, west for 2,600 feet to a point 3,600 feet west of U.S. 219, 240 feet north of the National Pike. The 2,000-foot long section within the Little Meadows Historic Site extends from a point below the crest of Meadow Mountain southwest to a strip mine located approximately 2,800 feet east of U.S. 219. The historic property boundary includes the road remnants and the area 25 feet on either side of the centerline of the recesses, forming a 50-foot wide corridor along each visible trace.

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Braddock's Road remnants

Grantsville

Private

Braddock's Road is a discontinuous linear feature running from Cumberland, Maryland to Braddock, Pennsylvania. Engineers under the command of General Edward Braddock designed the road as a military road in the summer of 1755 en route to their defeat at the hands of the French on July 9, 1755. Braddock's Road later became an important route for migration and commerce, crossing ridges, glades and streams along its line, resulting in an uneven and frequently disturbed trace in the landscape. Discrete sections of the road west of Grantsville include a 2,600-foot-long section found west of the existing U.S. 219 (Chestnut Ridge Road) and a 2,000-foot long section of found east of existing U.S. 219 on the slope of Meadow Mountain, within the Little Meadows Historic Site. The road traces no longer have the appearance of a roadbed, but consist of shallow depressions, from 0.5 feet to 5.25 feet deep and from 4 feet to 15 feet wide.

These remnants of Braddock's Road are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for their association with Braddock's 1755 expedition as well as the initial settlement of what is now Garrett County, and the development of the western trade from 1755 to 1811 (Criterion A: eighteenth century exploration; French and Indian Wars; early commerce and trade). The remnants are also eligible under Criterion D for its potential to yield archaeological information relating not only to its period of construction and first use, but also to the first wave of migration and commerce over its route, the precursor to the National Road.

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1. Name of P	roperty	(indicate preferred	name)		
historic	Braddock's R	oad			
other					
2. Location					
street and number	North of U.S.	40 Alt., 600-3,200 ft. west o	of U.S. 219 and 2,800-4	,800 ft. east of U.S.	. 219
city, town	Grantsville			<u>x</u>	vicinity
county	Garrett				
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g addresses of all owne	rs)	
name	Moran Coal C	Company; Robert and Nancy	Watkins; Hershberger	Family; others	
street and number	24309 Wester	rnport Road; 12287 National	Pike; n/a U.S.40 Alt.	telephone	(301) 359-0622; n/a
city, town	Westernport;	Grantsville	state MD	zip code	21562; 21536
4. Location of courthouse, registry		Garrett County Courthouse	libe	er 748; 303; 471 fe	olio 52; 236; 327
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Braddock's Road is a discontinuous linear feature running from Cumberland, Maryland to Braddock, Pennsylvania. The road was designed as a military road in 1755 and was subsequently used for migration and commerce, crossing ridges, glades and streams along its line, resulting in an uneven and frequently disturbed trace on the landscape. In general, military engineers routed the road relative to topographic features and stream crossings. There are two discrete sections of Braddock's Road within the U.S. 219 Improvements Project APE: a 2,600-foot-long section found west of the existing U.S. 219 (Chestnut Ridge Road) and a 2,000-foot long section of found east of existing U.S. 219 on the slope of Meadow Mountain, within the Little Meadows Historic Site. The road traces no longer have the appearance of a roadbed, but consist of shallow depressions, from 0.5 feet to 5.25 feet deep and from 4 feet to 15 feet wide.

The western remnant of Braddock's Road is located parallel to and approximately 210-600 feet north of the National Pike (U.S. 40 Alt.) east of Grantsville, Maryland (Photos 1-4). This remnant extends approximately 2,600 feet from a point approximately 600 ft west of U.S. 219, running in an irregular relationship with the National Pike to the western edge of the Moran Coal Company tract, where it disappears into a cow pasture as it trends southward. East of the point of beginning, the route quickly becomes obscure and disturbed. There are no culverts, retaining walls or portions of roadbed within the much-eroded depression, nor are there any buildings, structures or objects standing within at least 25 feet of the remnant.

The approximately 3,000-foot (0.4-mile) remnant on Meadow Mountain varies in width and depth due to the steepness of the slope, the location of the trace on the slope and disturbance (Photos 5-6). This well-defined and visible section, similar in physical character to the western remnant, is located entirely within the Little Meadows Historic Site, though only 2,000 feet of trace is located within the U.S. 219 Improvements APE in the woods between a ridge-top housing development and an old strip mine. Portions of the road appear to have evolved into a two-track configuration, typical of the steeper sections of Braddock's Road that evolved as teamsters' maintained traffic as they climbed and descended mountain ridges. The course of Braddock's Road through Little Meadows is linked to the locations of early encampments, taverns, and related resources such as a corduroy of logs thought to exist in bottoms within the Little Meadows Historic Site.

The remnants are ruins, representing the route of Braddock's Road rather than its actual materials. The location of the Braddock's Road trace is in agreement with Robert Orme's journal from 1755, Lacock's 1912 trace of the route, Ruckert's 1975 study, Wall and Lacoste's 1989 context study, Wahll's 1999 study, and Bantz's recent GPS work. Now overgrown with third or fourth-growth woods and scrub, the remnants have suffered from erosion: the western portion is covered with silt drawn down the gentle slope of Chestnut Ridge, and the eastern portion affected by nearby ridge top development and strip mining.

Generally, the depth of the remnant relates to the degree of slope; the steeper the slope, the more dramatic the cut. The western remnant is found in the gentle slope of the "smooth valley," so called because of the gentle grades to the crossing of the Casselman, and is therefore faint, in contrast to the well-defined remnants found in the steeper sections of Meadow Mountain. Affected by repeated logging, the most recent of which cut two logging roads through the western remnant, the traces continue to represent the route and distance relationships established by Braddock in 1755. Not as clearly defined as the portion within the Little Meadows Historic Site, the western remnant nonetheless conveys its association with the ill-fated Braddock expedition, as well as the general development of transportation and commerce in western Maryland.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. G-I-A=224
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
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Specific dates	1751, 1753, 1755; 1	1816	Architect/Builder	
Construction da	ates 1755			
Evaluation for:	National Register	N	laryland Register	not evaluated

8 Significance

Although traders had journeyed to the western reaches of Maryland as early as 1715, euro-American development of the region remained sparse until well into the eighteenth century. The first commercial interest with an eye toward the interior was the Ohio Company of Virginia. In 1752, traders Christopher Gist, Thomas Cressup, and their native confederate Nemocolin left a company outpost at Will's Creek Station to map and improve a trade route to the Monongahela, an entry into the Ohio River Valley. The Company cut the road to serve the lucrative trade with the western native tribes, establishing the general line of what would become Braddock's Road.

This assertion of British commercial interests in the Ohio Valley aroused their French competitors, who were soon challenged by a force under the command of Lt. Col. George Washington in 1753. Washington, an associate of the Ohio Company with considerable economic interest in the development of western lands, led his force along the Ohio Company's trade route "to the Great Crossing" of the Youghiogheny, via the Little Meadows, a locality known for the quality of forage (Bantz 2002; Lacock 1912). Washington's sappers and pioneers transformed the pack trail to a modest military road typically 12 feet wide and varied from one to two feet deep, wide enough to accommodate wagons. The road was soon after the line of retreat for the remnant of the force following the repulse and abandonment of Fort Necessity, the beginning of what we call the French and Indian Wars.

The British imperial response to the French challenge was swift, involving a theater-wide three-pronged campaign against French colonial interests in North America. The strategy, informed by political and economic realities, relied on a central thrust of the campaign to avenge Washington's defeat, open a road from Virginia to the western lands, and drive the French from the forks of the Ohio.

Veteran General Edward Braddock was commissioned to assemble and equip a force of 2,100 British regular soldiers and colonial militia, including 190 wagons and 1,500 carrying horses for the campaign and plan the march west. Braddock's line of march was determined by political and economic decisions rather than on the wisdom of military commanders on the ground. Virginia authorities, in close consultation with the London Board of Trade, dictated that Braddock was to move from the Potomac Valley to Ft. Cumberland on Wills Creek, and then proceed northwest along the Ohio Company to the crossing of the Youghiogheny River, a main branch of the Monongahela River. The route was chosen over a suitable alternative route through Pennsylvania with the interest of the Ohio Company stockholders in mind, and Little Meadows was well known as the first clearing on the western side of the Allegheny Mountains, within the French claim of control.

Braddock was aware of the line toward Ft. Duquesne and dispatched scouts to establish a stockade at Little Meadows on June 6, 1755, ahead of his main column's advance. On June 7, the column of troops, wagon trains, natives and camp followers began the arduous march forward through the challenging terrain. The column generally followed the established trade and war route on their seven to ten-day advance to Little Meadows, during which engineers painstakingly improved the road to Braddock's military specifications. The column trickled into Little Meadows, then improved with a crude stockade, abatis and defensive perimeter, on June 16 (Wahll 1999).

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Pausing at Little Meadows for three days, Braddock called a war council, and cognizant of the slow advance of the column and the deteriorated physical condition of nearly 600 of his troops, he fatefully divided his force. During this pause, the force undoubtedly buried soldiers who were killed by natives on the perimeter or succumbed to disease and illness. Captain Orme of Braddock's staff maintained a diary and wrote an account of the construction and first use of the subject section. Braddock, "determined to move forward with a detachment of the best men and as little encumbrance as possible. Therefore, a detachment of one field officer with four hundred men and the deputy quartermaster general marched on the 18th to cut and make the road to the little crossing of the Yoxhio Genl" (Ruckert 1975:613-614). The attacking force departed for Ft. Duquesne on the morning of June 19.

Braddock advanced with select, lightly equipped regular and colonial troops, numbering approximately 1,300 soldiers. About 850 troops, baggage, artillery, supplies and camp followers were left to move up by slow and easy marches under Col. Paul Dunbar. George Washington, suffering from fever, was delayed from joining the main column until the day before the battle with the French. As the western remnant is located between the nodes of Little Meadows and Little Crossing, it is often only briefly mentioned in the literature on the history of the road (Lacock 1912). The route also served as the avenue of retreat following Braddock's crushing defeat of July 9, 1755; 900 fewer soldiers made the return trip.

Braddock's defeat by the French and western Indians checked development for the next three years. The "Allegany Ridge of Mountains" demarked the limit of British control. Following the expulsion of the French from the forks of the Ohio by the British under Forbes in 1758, and the eventual defeat of the French interests embodied in the 1763 Treaty of Paris, traders again entered the region. Following the suppression of vigorous native resistance during Pontiac's rebellion (1763-1764), Euro-American traders began to move west on the now well-established trade and war route. Braddock's Road was "for three score years the only route westward through southwestern Pennsylvania," continually shifting its route relative to the ever-worsening condition of the roadbed. Wise investors quickly established taverns and trade stations along the route west (Lacock 1912).

As early as 1780, entrepreneurs developed support systems for the packhorse trains wending their way into the interior via Braddock's Road. Taverns were established at an early time, serving as the first commercial nodes in a developing trade network. As with any service, taverns and inns specialized to meet the needs of their clients, whether they were migrants, traders, teamsters, or merchants. The hotels, inns, and wagon stands served niche markets, and their function was often far more than simple lodging. Though there were several inns and taverns in the region, notably in the "smooth valley," at Little Crossings, and in Grantsville, the unquestioned center of road life was the Tomlinson estate. Joseph and Jesse Tomlinson, proprietors of the frame Red House Inn on Braddock's Road, benefited immeasurably from their important position in the local geography.

Engineers surveyed a route for the National Road in 1811 and modified the route subsequently to accommodate the many political and economic interests. The contract for the construction of the second section, from Savage Mountain to the well-known Tomlinson estate was issued in 1811 and the road opened to traffic in 1812, though it was not completed to standards until 1815. The next section, from Tomlinson's to Smithfield, was let the following year but not completed until 1817. The road finally opened to Wheeling on the Ohio River in 1818 and immediately became the chief avenue to the west, though the braids of the older trails still carried traffic. The Tomlinson estate at Little Meadows was the terminal point for sections of the new road, and well aware of the needs of the western trade, the Tomlinson family soon developed their resources relative to the new route.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name

Avilton MD.-PA.

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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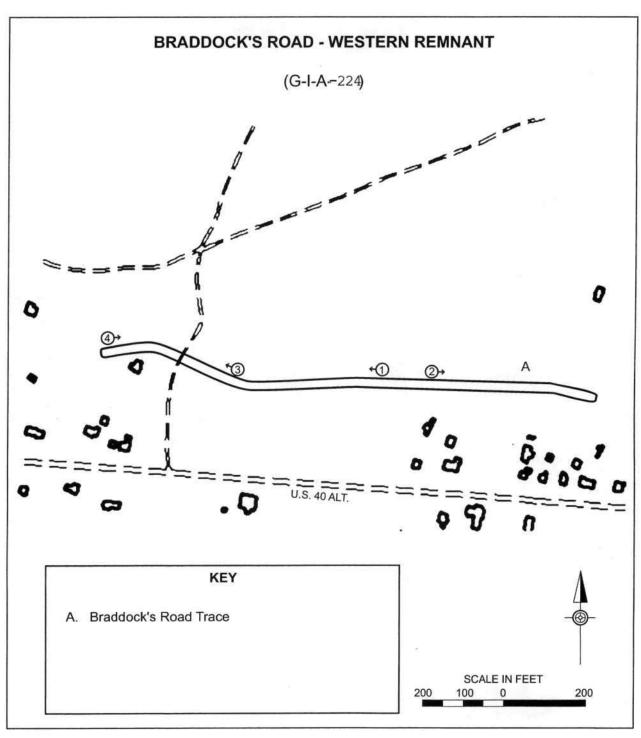
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street & number	904 Main Street	telephone			
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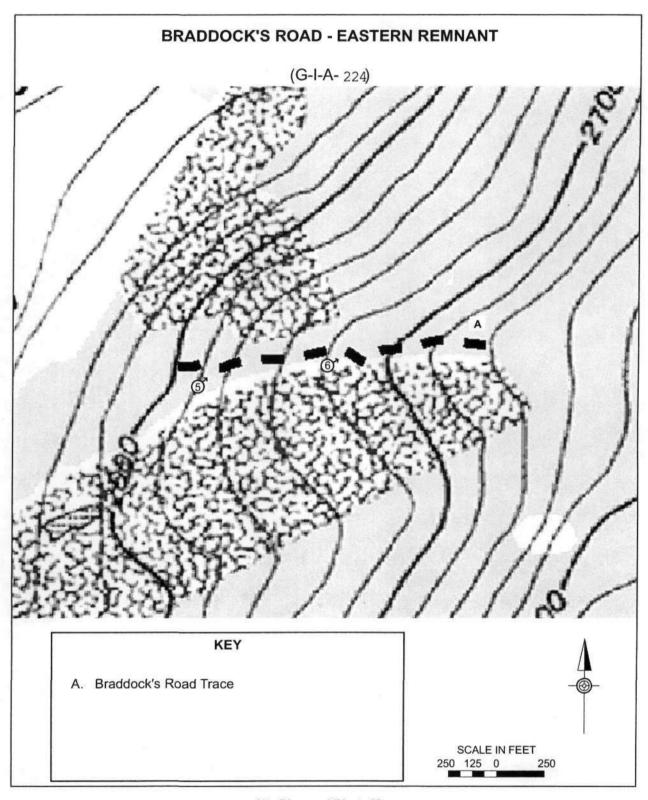
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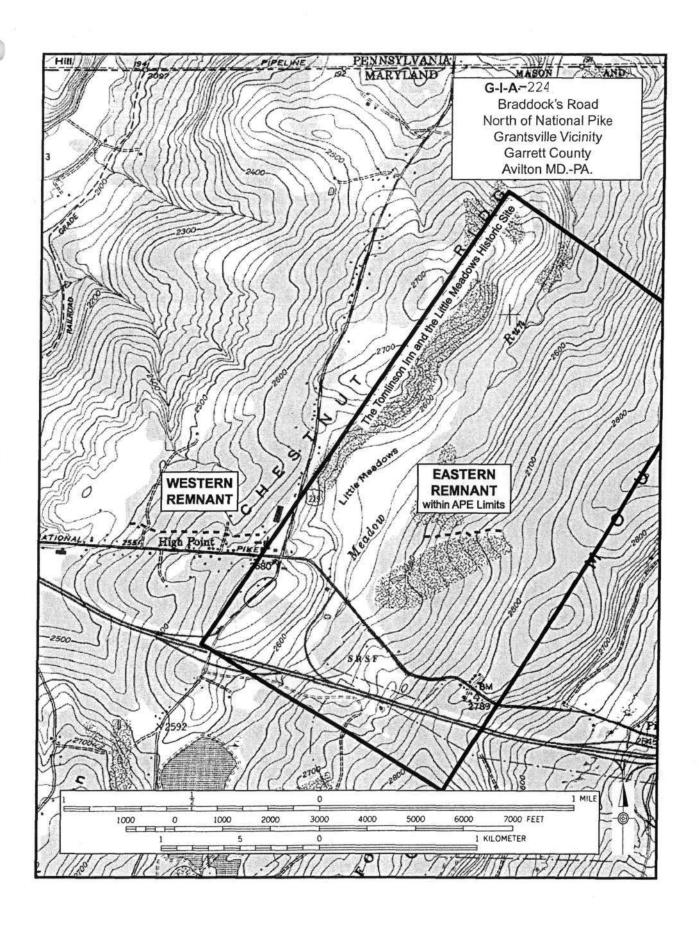
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Site Plan and Photo Key



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View of Food Trace, facing West
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